

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are active in the case. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to a telomerization process in which a mixture of 1,3-butadiene and other hydrocarbons is reacted with a nucleophile in the presence of a catalyst.

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Applicants hereby submit an information disclosure statement to list the WO reference that corresponds to the cited Röttger et al, U. S. Patent 7,026,523 which is of record in the application. The WO patent is 02/100803.

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The Röttger et al, U. S. Patent 7,026,523 has a PCT patent publication date of December 19, 2002, which antedates the filing date of the present application of June 17, 2003, and thus is available as prior art to the present application. However, in the near future applicants will submit a certified English translation of the German priority application No. 102 29 290.6 of the present application in order to perfect the filing date of the German priority application No. 102 29 290.6 which is June 29, 2002, that predates the PCT publication date of the Röttger et al patent.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-7 stand rejected based on the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-11 of U. S. Patent 7,026,523. This ground of rejection is obviated by the accompanying terminal disclaimer which identifies U. S. Patent 7,026,523. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

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It is believed that the application is in proper condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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